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1. BELGIUM: Spaak reportedly not required in Belgium--US Embassy Belgium expresses the view that Foreign Secretary Bevin's stress on the necessity for Spaak to stay in Belgium because of "royal question" and possibility that present Belgian Cabinet may be short-lived does not withstand analysis because: (a) Spaak himself is apparently resigned to the return of the King; and (b) Socialist militants admit that they cannot threaten serious civil strife if Parliament, as anticipated by US Embassy, approves a bill for solving the Leopold question through a popular referendum.

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